

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 9-13 are allowed and claims 15 and 20 are directed to allowable subject matter.

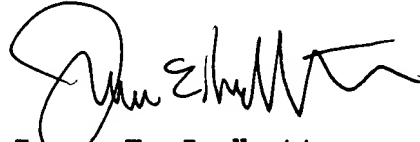
In the above amendments, the subject matter of allowable claim 15 has been integrated into base claim 14, and the subject matter of allowable claim 20 has been integrated into base claim 19. Claims 15 and 20 have been cancelled. Claims 16 and 21 have each been amended to recite a feature that was deleted from its base claim. New claims 24 and 25 depend from base claims 14 and 19, respectively, and find support at least in Fig. 3 and the specification on page 12, line 19, through page 13, line 13.

Thus, it is submitted that the rejections applied to claims 14, 16-19, and 21-23 are overcome, and allowance of claims 14 and 19 and all claims dependent therefrom is considered to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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